

WE CLAIM:

1. A vehicle shield device comprising:
 - (a) hood protector region constructed for extending across at least a portion of a vehicle hood for protecting the vehicle hood, the hood protector region comprising:
 - (i) at least one flexible region for allowing folding of the hood protector region; and
 - (b) hood attachment region constructed for attaching the hood protector region to a vehicle hood, the hood attachment region comprising:
 - (i) first hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attaching to a left side of a vehicle hood; and
 - (ii) second hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attachment to a right side of a vehicle hood.
2. A vehicle shield device according to claim 1, wherein the hood protector region and the hood attachment region comprise a molded and continuous plastic sheet.
3. A vehicle shield device according to claim 2, wherein the plastic sheet comprises a polycarbonate polymer composition.
4. A vehicle shield device according to claim 2, wherein the plastic sheet has a thickness of between about 0.070 inch and about 0.150 inch.
5. A vehicle shield device according to claim 1, wherein the vehicle shield does not include a hood attachment flange within the flexible region.

6. A vehicle shield device according to claim 1, wherein the hood protector region comprises a first end and a second end, and a first end wrapping portion provided at the first end, and a second end wrapping portion provided at the second end.

7. A vehicle shield device according to claim 1, wherein the vehicle shield device is provided in a folded configuration.

8. A vehicle shield device according to claim 7, wherein the hood protector region includes at least two flexible regions for allowing folding of the hood protector region.

9. A vehicle shield device according to claim 7, wherein the hood protector region includes at least three flexible regions for allowing folding of the hood protector region.

10. A method for manufacturing a vehicle shield device, the method comprising steps of:

cutting a sheet of plastic material; and

molding the sheet of plastic material to provide:

(a) hood protector region constructed for extending across at least a portion of a vehicle hood for protecting the vehicle hood, the hood protector region comprising:

(i) at least one flexible region for allowing folding of the hood protector region; and

(b) hood attachment region constructed for attaching the hood protector region to a vehicle hood, the hood attachment region comprising:

(i) first hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attaching to a left side of a vehicle hood; and

- (ii) second hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attachment to a right side of a vehicle hood.

11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the sheet material comprises a polycarbonate composition.
12. A method for shipping a vehicle shield device, the method comprising steps of:
providing a vehicle shield device comprising:
 - (a) hood protector region constructed for extending across at least a portion of a vehicle hood for protecting the vehicle hood, the hood protector region comprising:
 - (i) at least one flexible region for allowing folding of the hood protector region; and
 - (b) hood attachment region constructed for attaching the hood protector region to a vehicle hood, the hood attachment region comprising:
 - (i) first hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attaching to a left side of a vehicle hood; and
 - (ii) second hood attachment flange attached to at least a portion of the hood protector region and constructed for attachment to a right side of a vehicle hood; and

bending the hood protector region about the flexible region to provide the vehicle shield device in a folded configuration.
13. A method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of:
 - (a) using a fastener to hold the vehicle shield in a folded configuration.

14. A method according to claim 13, wherein the fastener comprises adhesive tape.
15. A method according to claim 12, further comprising a step of:
 - (a) placing the vehicle shield device in a folded configuration into a container for shipment.